

Appl. No. 10/785,517
Amdt. dated September 16, 2005
Reply to Office Action of June 22, 2005

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed June 22, 2005. Claims 3-10 remaining pending, with claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled in this response. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following comments.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-10 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sekar et al. and as being anticipated by Krawiecka. Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

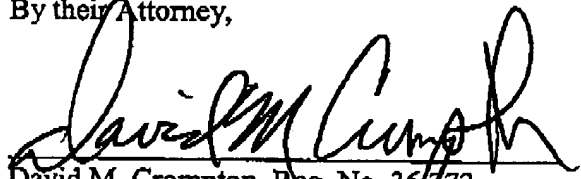
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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